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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS

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SUMMARY: JAPANESE FONOFF DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIAN ACTION ON STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS WILL POSE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR GOJ.

1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, EMB OFF CALLED ON IWASAKI, DEPUTY HEAD, INTERNATIONAL TRADEHDDIVISION, FONOFF, MAY 9, TO DISCUSS AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC EXY RT CONTROLS AND TO STRESS US VIEW THAT JAPANESE ROLE IS OF HIGHEST ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO THE EXISTENCE OF COCOM. IWASAKI SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE IN STRATEGIC CONTROLS HAD THUS FAR RECEIVED ONLY MINOR INSIDE PAGE COVERAGE IN ONE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER AND HAD NOT PROVOKED ANY COMMENT OR EVEN EXPRES-

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F INTEREST FROM THE JAPANESE DIET. IWASAKI ADDED THAT FONOFF HAD REQUESTED THAT ITS EMBASSY IN CANBERRA PRO-  
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VIDE FULL DETAILS OF ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN THE STRATEGIC CONTROLS AND AUSTRALIAN CAPACITY TO PRODUCE COCOM LEVEL PRODUCTS. UNTIL THEN GOJ WOULD HAVE NO FORMAL POSITION ON THE CHANGE IN THE REGULATIONS; HOWEVER, IWASAKI CLEARLY DID NOT REGARD AUSTRALIAN ACTION AS POSSIBLE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR GOJ , OR TYPE OF ACTION WHICH WOULD IMPEL FUNDANENTAL SHIFT IN GOJ COCOM POLICY.

2. IWASAKI SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT JAPAN WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THE US AND OTHER DELEGATIONS THE IMPACT OF THE AUSTRALIAN ACTION AT THE MAY 23-25 COCOM MEETING ON CONTROL REGULATIONS. PARTICULARLY, GOJ WAS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS HOW AUSTRALIA WOULD ACTMLO PREVENT DIVERSION OF COCOM PRODUCTS. IWASAKI SAID HE WOULD BE PERSONALLY ATTENDING THIS MEETING IN PARIS.

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